

BIOGRAPHY

Assistant Chief Ronald Spadafora is a 35-year veteran in the Fire Department of New York (FDNY) and is the Chief of Logistics in the Bureau of Operations. On 9/11, he was recalled to the WTC and supervised both rescue and fire suppression efforts at the North Tower and WTC 7. He was named the WTC Chief of Safety in October 2001 for the entire Recovery Operation ending in June of 2002. On August 14-15, 2003, he headed the Logistics Section for the FDNY during the New York City Blackout. In the aftermath of the 2005 Katrina hurricane, he was designated Deputy Incident Commander of the FDNY Incident Management Team and sent to Louisiana to assist the New Orleans Fire Department. In October 2012, Chief Spadafora coordinated both mitigation and logistical FDNY endeavors during Hurricane Sandy. Chief Spadafora is an adjunct lecturer at both Metropolitan College of New York (Emergency and Disaster Management - Graduate Program) and John Jay College (Fire Science – Undergraduate Program). His latest book, Sustainable Green Design and Firefighting: A Fire Chief's Perspective, was published by Delmar-Cengage Learning in 2013. He has written dozens of articles in publications such as: *WNYF* (With New York Firefighters), *Fire Engineering*, *Size-Up*, and the *American Journal of Industrial Medicine*. He holds a MPS degree in Criminal Justice from Long Island University (C.W. Post Center), a BS degree in Fire Science from John Jay College and a BA degree in Health Education from Queens College (CUNY).